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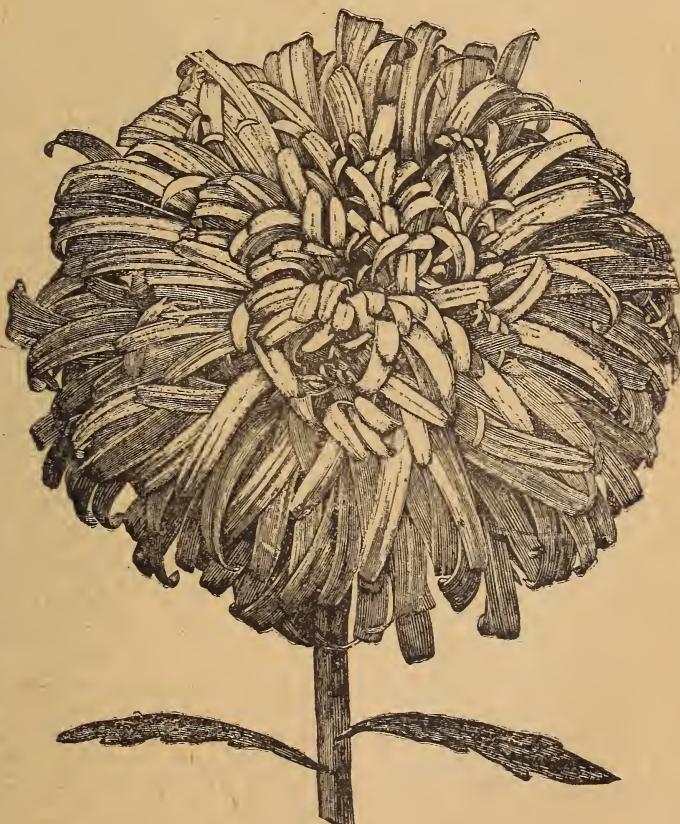
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THE NEW HOHENZOLLERN ASTER.

THE Double Asters have been greatly improved lately by the diligent and skillful efforts of the German florists, and one of the latest and best of the improved races is the Hohenzollern Aster, developed and brought to notice by the noted specialist, Frederick Römer. The plants of this grand strain grow luxuriantly to the height of two feet, branching freely, and forming bushy heads, which are a mass of bloom during the late autumn months. The flowers are of prodigious size — the largest of the Aster family, sometimes as much as seven inches in diameter, and with long, linear, twisted petals, as shown in the engraving. The colors are white, rose, crimson, flesh, lilac and azure blue, and the full double flowers are borne on long, strong stems.

For a showy bed upon the lawn, as well as flowers for exhibition at Fairs, this Aster will doubtless stand unrivaled. The seeds are high in price as yet, but the extra cost will not be regretted when the huge flowers develop in autumn. Double Asters all like a rich, rather tenacious clay soil with good drainage, and a sunny situation. A good dressing of stable litter put on during summer is very beneficial.



THE NEW HOHENZOLLERN ASTER.

CUT WORMS AND APHIS.

IN PLANTING seedlings in California one must guard against the cut worm. The tiny plant will be all right for a day or two, when lo! the next time you look at it all that is left is a stem bereft of the leaf. When seeds are planted in the ground and come up, the same fate awaits them. To

prevent the cut worm's' mischief, bran sprinkled with paris green should be laid on the ground about the seedlings. The worms will eat this before they get to the plants, and that finishes them.

Some of the roses grown in California are subject to the green aphis, which attack the tender new growth, and the soft buds. Anyone with a yard here, should be provided with a spray, and should use whale oil soap on the roses. The soap comes in bars. One bar will make

twelve gallons. I shave the soap into a bucket of water and let it boil until it is a thick jelly, when it cools. It is then put in a tub of water and thoroughly mixed. With the spray go over everything that is infested. This preparation is excellent for scale also, and we go over everything in our yard every two weeks.

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Editorial.

Cannas in Winter.—Pot-grown Cannas will bloom in early winter if started in mid-summer. Start them in small pots and shift into larger ones as the roots fill the pots. The dwarf varieties only should be cultivated in pots. The plants may be started from a good strain of seeds. For winter flowers, however, it is perhaps better to cultivate plants that have been found by experience to be reliable for winter blooming. The Canna is not generally recommended for that purpose.

Starting Oriental Poppies.—The seeds of many of the biennial and perennial flowers start tardily, and the Oriental Poppies are not an exception. The seeds should be sown in an out-door bed made on the north side of a picket fence, or at least given some protection from the drying sun and winds. A cloth cover is even better, as it prevents drying out, and water can be applied without disturbing the surface soil. Remove as soon as the seedlings show above the surface.

Justicia Sanguinea.—This makes a fine pot plant, and if well grown during summer will bloom freely throughout the winter. Its culture is so simple that anyone can grow it. Shift into a larger pot as soon as the roots begin to crowd, and pinch out the tops regularly, to encourage a bushy habit. In winter every branch will be terminated by a showy head of soft pink flowers, the heads somewhat resembling those of Bergamot in form. The foliage is a bronzy red and handsome.

THE PRICKLY COMFREY.

A CORRESPONDENT in Maine enquiring about a hardy flowering plant she saw growing in an old neglected garden, writes as follows:

Mr. Editor:—Can you tell me anything about a plant I saw for several years in an old garden; a plant which I presume was a hardy perennial, but which has now disappeared? It grew from two to three feet tall, had coarse, rough, dark-green leaves, and at the top bore a cluster of pink buds which began to bloom from the base of the cluster, and the flower was a pretty shade of blue. A photograph of the plant, when in bloom, would appear very much like the picture of the tobacco plant. The pink buds and blue blossoms, all in the same cluster, made the plant a great curiosity to all who saw it, but nobody, so far as I can learn, ever knew what to call it.—A. F. V.

The plant was probably a Prickly Comfrey, known botanically as *Sympodium aspernum*. It belongs to the Borage family, a common characteristic of which is to have pink buds and blue flowers. The leaves are pointed at both ends, and covered with rigid hairs, which make them very rough. The plants like a moist, shady place, are hardy perennials from the Caucasus, and grow to the height of four feet in good soil.

A near relative is *Borage officinale*, which has broader leaves, veined and crinkled, but not so rough as those of Comfrey. The plants grow from one to two feet high, and are biennials easily grown from seeds.

Red Spider.—This is a mite which affects plants during a dry season, or when kept in a dry atmosphere. It mostly in-

fests the under side of the leaves, appearing as a rust, drawing the leaves and drying them up. It is especially troublesome upon Roses, the Leopard Plant or *Farfugium* and *Fuchsia*. When the pest appears it is evidence that the atmosphere is too dry for

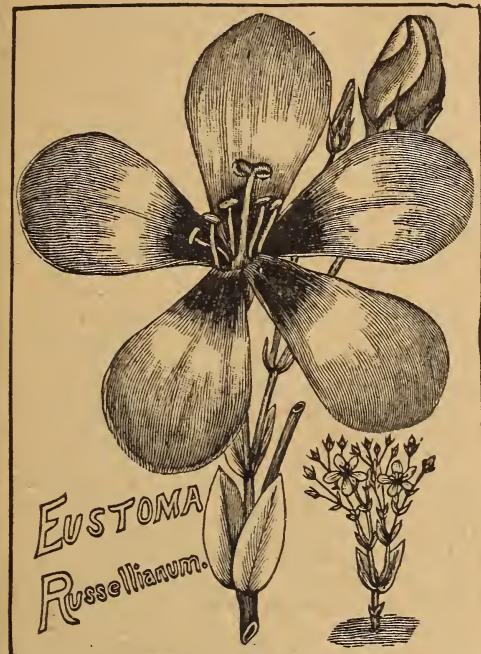
the health of the plants. A remedy is to sponge the foliage with hot suds made from quassia chips tea and soap. Or, the material may be applied with a good brass syringe, being careful to reach the under side of the leaves. Frequent syringing with water is a preventive of red spider, as it does not like moisture or dampness.

Coronilla varia.—This is a hardy herbaceous creeping perennial found in Europe, and has been in cultivation since 1640. It bears pink, Pea-like blossoms in clusters of from fifteen to twenty flowers each, and blooms from June till November. The stems die in autumn and are renewed in the spring. The plants are propagated from either seeds or cuttings, and are adapted for edgings or the rockery.



A BEAUTIFUL GENTIANWORT.

WHEN traveling through Texas in August the Editor saw along the railroad banks clumps of large and beautiful flowers ranging from white to deep violet purple, borne on stalks two feet high. Each clump showed a number of flowers, and the natural display was very attractive. Upon closer examination the plants were found to be of the Gentian



family, and of the genus known variously as Eustoma and Lisanthus. The species in Texas is called by the specific name of *Russellianum*. It is generally considered an annual, and seems to like a hot, sunny place.

Lately a correspondent from Woods county, Oklahoma, sent specimens of the same plant, including roots, stems, foliage and the flowers in various colors, the flowers measuring two and a half to three inches across. With the specimens came the following descriptive note:

Mr. Editor—Enclosed are pressed flowers, a branchlet of matured seed capsules, two mature leaves, a section of stem with leaves from a small branch just budded for blooming, and roots of a small, matured plant of a generally admired but unknown wild flower growing on low, sub-irrigated land, usually of a salt or alkali character. It is variously named "Wild Tulip," "Blue Lily" and "Blue Bells," for the form and prevailing coloring of its beautiful flowers, which remain fresh a long time, either on the plant or when cut. The plant grows from one to two feet high, is covered with a faint, grayish white bloom, and its juice, or sap rather, is of a slightly milky character, becoming yellow and gummy in the seed capsules as they near maturity. A summer's observation does not enable me to say whether the plant is annual, biennial or perennial, but I incline to the opinion that it is a biennial. Its time of blooming is from the last of June until frost, but chiefly in July and August. Only small plants, or plants from which flowers are removed, bloom late. Colors, purple, blue, lavender, to white, with darker or white

eye; rarely pink with darker eye, and white with eyes of all colors. I have counted one hundred and forty-two seed capsules on one plant. S. M. Woods Co., Okla.

The engraving made from a drawing of *Eustoma* will give the reader a good idea of the form of the stem, leaves, buds and flowers. The beauty, delicacy and showiness of the flowers, together with their varied colors, should recommend this southern wild flower to a trial in our gardens. It should not be difficult to grow, if its propagation and treatment were familiar. Have any of our southern friends tried to cultivate it in their garden?

Propagating Snowballs.—The Snowball (*Viburnum*) is rather difficult to start from cuttings, but a moderate degree of success may be attained even by the amateur if the cuttings are taken of half-ripened wood and inserted in a mixture of half sand and half coal ashes, the insertion being of both ends of the cutting, allowing only the middle bud to remain above the surface. A better method of propagation, where but two or three plants are wanted, is to bend the lower branches, make an insertion of the knife-blade half through the stem, from the under side, six inches from the tip, and bury the cut part in the soil, allowing the tip to protrude. The next spring the branch will be well rooted, and can be cut off entirely and removed to where it is to grow. Propagation of the single-flowered *Viburnum* may also be effected from seeds sown as soon as ripe.

Black Calla.—To bloom the tuber of Black Calla should be very large. One two inches in diameter is rarely satisfactory. The plant is *Arum sanctum*, which has very dark flowers. A more satisfactory blooming *Arum* is *Arum Italicum*. Even small tubers of this species will bear flowers, and it is of the easiest culture. Both of these *Arums* should be rested for several months during the year, and given moist soil and a shady situation while growing.

Chinese Hibiscus.—The complaint is sometimes heard that plants of Chinese Hibiscus do well in summer, but invariably die during the winter. This is due to keeping plants in a temperature too cold and damp, and watering freely while the plants are resting. A moderately warm, dry atmosphere suits the plants in winter, and water them only enough to keep the soil from drying out. In summer water freely.

Asters.—If you wish a bed of large, showy Asters plant the large-flowered, tall-growing varieties. The dwarf sorts are preferable for pots and bedding, as they are dense, and bear masses of flowers on erect stems; but the most satisfactory Asters, as a rule, are the large-flowered, tall ones, such as the Victoria, Perfection and Ostrich-feathered kinds.

THE CHINESE PRIMROSE.
(See illustration on 1st Title Page.)

FOR WINTER blooming in pots in the window the Chinese Primrose stands without a rival. The plants are easily started from seeds, thrive under ordinary treatment, have beautiful foliage, large clusters of showy and beautiful fringed flowers of various colors continuously borne, and are free from insect pests. Any person can grow the Chinese Primrose, and when the plants become of blooming age they cannot be kept from blooming. They never fail to please and satisfy their owner, if given a modicum of the treatment they require.

The seeds should be sown in May, June or July, to have strong plants ready for winter blooming. Sow in pots of sifted and pressed woods soil, or soil that will not bake, covering only about one-eighth inch deep. Water freely after sowing, but afterwards simply keep the ground moist till the plants appear, which will be in about three weeks. Give the young plants air, and water only in the morning of clear days. Keep the soil stirred among the young plants. When large enough reset the plants into shallow trays or boxes, placing them two inches or more apart, and when they begin to crowd again transplant into tin vessels, holding a quart of soil, one plant in each, setting the plants so the crown will be above the surface. The amateur always meets with the better success growing Primroses in tin vessels than in earthen ones. Water regularly and give partial shade during bright, warm weather.

The engraving on the title page is from a photograph of a windowful of seedling Chinese Primroses, and will give the reader an idea of what success may be obtained by expending ten or twenty cents for a few choice seeds, and giving the plants good care while developing.

Ilex.—*Ilex* is not difficult to start from seeds, if sown before the seeds dry out. After that they germinate tardily. The common *Ilex verticillata*, which grows in swampy places and appears as a flame of scarlet berries in late autumn and early winter, should be sown in fall or early spring. It is one of our most showy and beautiful native shrubs, and should be generally cultivated.

Scales.—Rub these insects loose from the stems and sponge off with hot quassia chips tea. Afterwards syringe at intervals of three days with the same material, and the enemy will soon disappear.



SEED GERMINATION.

PLANTS of shrubs and trees do not, as a rule, start readily from seeds. *Catalpa* *Kaempferi* and other species, as also *Ailanthus*, *Paulownia*, *Calycarpa*, *Deutzia* and *Syringa* will germinate in a reasonable period, say less than three months; but *Ampelopsis*, *Clematis Jackmani*, *Locust*, and many other sorts will often remain dormant for many months. In some instances germination is hastened by removing the fleshy coating, as in *Ampelopsis*. Prompt germination is also promoted, especially in seeds of hardy trees and shrubs, by fall sowing, which allows them to become frozen and the covers thus bursted by the action of frost. This is especially noticeable in starting *Berberis*, *Cercis canadensis*, *Cornus floridus*, *Acer* or *Maple*, *Quercus* or *Oak*, *Rosa rubiginosa* or *Sweet Briar*, and most of our native nut trees.

Pansy Geranium.—Most of the varieties of *Fancy Pelargonium*, often called *Pansy Geranium*, bloom only during the spring months. During the summer and autumn they make a fine growth if properly cared for, but the buds and flowers will not appear till spring. For winter blooming such *Zonale* *Geraniums* as *Dryden*, *America*, and *Mrs. Hill*, should be grown. These bloom almost continually, but are not so charmingly marked, nor so large as the *Choice Fancy Pelargoniums*. All may be propagated from seeds sown in the spring and summer.

Narcissus.—The Chinese Sacred Lily is a variety of *Polyanthus Narcissus*, and like other kinds of *Narcissus* it requires a damp, cool, well-lighted room to develop its flowers in. When the roots are developed and the temperature moist and cool the flowers appear in fine clusters from bulbs grown either in water or earth. If not well rooted, and the temperature is hot and dry the buds that push up will mostly dry up before they develop into flowers.

Water Lilies.—For ordinary use the white, fragrant Water Lily is the most desirable. It has handsome foliage, and beautiful flowers and nearly always does well. For a stagnant pond an algae and often water pests become troublesome. A little fresh slacked lime introduced as lime-water will mostly destroy these without injuring the Lilies, if not applied too strong.

Baby Primrose.—This charming little Primrose is readily propagated from seeds, and blooms in three or four months after sowing. Seedling plants do better than plants kept over, though divided and repotted plants will bloom well the second year, if not exhausted blooming the first year.

Garden Culture.

ABOUT ANTIRRHINUMS.

LAST year I had some Antirrhinums blooming in a box. I brought the box in when freezing came on, and had the blooms to vie with the Chrysanthemums at Thanksgiving. After the blooms were gone I cut back the tops, and set the box in the cellar, in front of a south window. In spring I brought it up, and the plants came on much earlier than spring-sown seeds. I had the giant sorts in a round bed with dwarf sorts as a border, and it was wonderfully beautiful. The dark, glossy foliage was not harmed by the freezing of the soil. A few bright blossoms lingered until November eighth, and the evergreen leaves are still beautiful. Some in a "tree box" are just as presentable as any we ever saw. I have two sorts of Pyrethrums in the same boxes—Golden Feather and double White, so that I have four shades or tints of color still to enliven the dreary outlook. The Antirrhinums are dark green and purpleish brown, and the Golden Feather is yellowish. While the double white Pyrethrum is a grass green, and though there are no flowers left, the boxes look very pleasing. I have cleaned away all unsightly leaves and twigs left from the tender plants that were frozen and now the evergreens have it all their own way. I am interested to know how long they will stand against Old Winter. As a cemetery plant the Antirrhinum must prove valuable, as it lasts so long in autumn, and even shows the snow so green and cheerful speaking of life in the midst of death.

Mrs. H. P. Piper.

Lapeer Co., Mich., Nov. 7, 1903.

[NOTE.—The new large-flowered, semi-dwarf varieties of Antirrhinum or Snapdragon are very beautiful and desirable flowers for either beds or pots. The plants are compact and bushy, while the large, fragrant flowers are borne in large spikes. They will doubtless become very popular when better known.—ED.]

Wistaria Vine.—I have a Wistaria Vine that blooms twice a year. Early, before the foliage comes, and in July, it is loaded with its long racemes of purple bloom. It is trained into the gables on the north and east front, running across the front and end of the porch, and then over wire netting on the upper porch, and on wire netting on into the gables. It is a thing of beauty, and a joy at least during the summer.

Mrs. C. W. Gillian.

Greenbrier Co., W. Va., Aug. 3, 1903.

Tuberous Begonias.—Tuberous Begonias are very nice for north or east windows, and are equally nice for a shady bed in the yard, but must be protected from the wind.

Aunt Anna.

Lincoln Co., Wash.

NASTURTIUMS.

LAST year I said next season I would have all the Nasturtiums I wanted. I planted three ounces of seeds, tucked them in everywhere; around trees, Peony clumps, along the fence among Dahlias, and Hollyhocks. They bloomed in six weeks, and grew like "Mr. Finney's Turnip." I don't agree with other writers. I give mine plenty of liquid fertilizer once a week. Every perfect flower is picked. One time thirty-two

distinct colors and markings were counted. The reds were so large and brilliant, with dark foliage that made them uncommon.

Worcester Co., Mass.

E. B.

The Children's Corner.—There is a small lot between the lawn and vegetable garden. The lot is about three rods long, and one rod wide. The center of the lot is covered with a grape vine arbor. The children's play house is under the grape vines. The grape vine shades the east and south side and a Wild Cucumber shades the west side. The north side is open. Many happy hours are spent in that play house. Their table is made out of a square box with four legs nailed on. Their flower vase is a large necked bottle and they have three little crabs in a glass vaseline jar, which are fed one worm a day. I shall save a lot of Morning Glory seed and will plant it around the play house next spring. They have a white Pansy in a box for their house plant and it never suffers for water.

Letta S. Garverick.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 20, 1903.

Cosmos.—I had a bed of the Giant Cosmos, and if there is anything that could look nicer, I would like to know what it is. They grew about six feet high, and from September until November were covered with pink and white bloom, not unlike small, simple Dahlias. Everybody who saw them admired them.

Mrs. Ruth Myers.

Ashland Co., Ohio, Apr. 12, 1903.

Valeriana.—Valeriana, or garden Heliotrope, as it is sometimes called, is a perennial, bearing clusters of white, sweet-scented flowers. Mine bloomed the last of May, and the flowers were in good condition for two months. Its lasting qualities are enough to ensure it a place in every garden. It is not showy, although it has plenty of foliage, and is a dainty flower for funerals, as it lasts long.

Fayette Co., Iowa.

Aunt Jane.

SWEET PEAS.

In nearly all the directions for growing Sweet Peas, we are advised to plant them so the rows will run north and south. I followed these instructions for six years, with very indifferent success. This spring I desired to change the location of my Sweet Pea bed and see if they would not do better. In the only available place the rows would have to run east and west.



I decided they could not do much worse, so the ground was prepared, a wire trellis put up, and the seeds planted. The season was late, cold and wet, and they were late coming up, but when they did start they grew nicely, and soon covered the support. The flowers

were freely produced, were large and a fine variety of colors, more white ones than usually come in mixed seeds.

I had only a short row, probably six or seven feet long, but for three months I gathered two, sometimes three, large bunches every week. I neglected to mulch, or give the vines any fertilizer, and while they gave a few flowers until fall, they were not so freely produced as earlier in the season. I was very well satisfied with my experience, and decided that the direction of the row did not have so very much to do with growing Sweet Peas successfully, provided they are in an open place, and can have plenty of sun. I believe the main things are deep planting, shallow at first, filling up as the vines grow; rich, mellow soil, plenty of water at the roots, and a good rich mulch after dry weather sets in.

Allen Co., Kan., Dec. 2, 1903 Lide.

[NOTE.—With the above suggestions and a good mixture of the new large-flowered varieties of Sweet Peas, there should be no reason for complaint. As stated, avoid deep covering. It is better to sow early in a trench, covering only from one-fourth to half an inch deep, than to sow in shallow rows covering two or three inches deep. When planted deep while the ground is cold and wet the seeds are likely to rot. Furnish support as soon as the plants are up, as they will very soon need it, and if neglected they will become stunted and make a delicate, almost flowerless growth.—ED.]

Nasturtiums.—I saw in Park's Magazine how to put Nasturtiums in a pitcher half full of charcoal, and filled up with water. I tried it and found it did nicely, but I would suggest cutting off all of the old leaves, and putting in an out-of-the-way place until new leaves form, for all of the old leaves turned yellow and had to be cut off. Mine were full of new leaves and buds when our first freeze came, just before Christmas, and I failed to set them out of the window and consequently lost them, but will try again. Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky.

CHILDREN AND FLOWERS.

NEARLY all children take great pleasure in flowers, and parents would do well to cultivate this love for the beautiful, for its pure and elevating effect on the young minds. It is well, wherever possible, to give each child a flower bed and let each have full care of it, under the parental direction. There are many homes in the country that are beautifully situated, and could be easily made to minister to the good and pure in children's minds, but the surroundings are so barren of flowers, shrubs, or trees, that the appearance is depressing instead of elevating. The chickens must have a place to run, or it is "a waste of time just to raise flowers," and so for a few paltry cents of gain from the chickens, or a few hours time, the children are left without the inspirations of the beautiful in their home surroundings. The money expended for unwholesome sweetmeats would be sufficient to beautify some little spot near the home and so give pleasure to both old and young. Nothing will bring the heart of a child nearer to God than to contemplate the beautiful things which He has made.

A. M. D.

Sagadahoc Co., Me., Sept. 15, 1903.

[NOTE.—A little flower garden surrounded by chicken wire can be prepared with little expense, and in this the children of the family can each have a bed of flowers, by suggestions and encouragement from the older members of the family. Packages of easily-grown seeds should be given them, with directions for culture, and perhaps some assistance in preparing the beds, sowing the seeds and setting out the plants. Persons interested in Sabbath and day schools should remember the moral influence of flowers, and encourage the children by gifts of seeds in spring. Such gifts are as seeds sown on good ground, and will yield a good return in the happy influence they wield upon the lives of those who receive and care for them.—ED.]

Cosmos.—My Cosmos bloomed all summer. I made boxes of laths, three wide at the bottom, two high on the sides, and board ends, thick enough to nail the laths to. Then I filled the boxes with good garden soil, and sowed the seeds in March. To water them I set the boxes into a pan of lukewarm water until the soil appeared moist on top, then I placed them in the sink to drain, and placed a wet woolen cloth over the soil. When the seeds began to come up I took off the cloth and used a pane of glass, keeping the boxes near the window. As soon as the plants are large enough I transplant into thumb pots. They began blooming the last of June.

Mrs. R. Baker.

Lawrence Co., Mich., Nov. 3, 1903.

Seedling Petunias.—Out of a packet of the Giant Ruffled and Fringed Petunias I got over a dozen fine, odd varieties. One pure white, very ruffled, a clear gray one, some purple, very near black, and one dark purple with white spots, making a fine, showy bed.

Sister Bert.

Somerset Co., Me.

Bulbous Flowers.

THE FANCY-LEAVED CALADIUM.

THE Fancy-leaved Caladium is a most valuable plant for decorative purposes. The foliage is brilliant and handsome, and remains so a long time. I use a six-inch pot, but think they could be grown in smaller ones. I have the pots perfectly drained, and use a compost of turfy loam, well-decayed manure and leaf-mould, well mixed. When the plants are growing I water freely. Never let them suffer for want of water. An occasional supply of liquid manure and pulverized charcoal will add to the beauty of the foliage. During the summer months they should be placed in a shady position, as they can not endure the hot sun, and the foliage will not have that rich, healthy appearance it has when grown in the shade. I give them a shower bath daily. They are never troubled with any kind of insect pests, and bear confinement with impunity. The Caladium is one of the best foliage plants we have for cultivation in the window garden. They are greatly admired when properly grown and taken care of. The bulbs increase from year to year, and in the course of a few years the pot will fill with bulblets from a single bulb. I repot my bulbs every spring, as the plants die down in the fall, and I keep them with the other tender bulbs during winter and water only enough to keep the soil from becoming quite dry. In March I re-pot in fresh soil. All lovers of pretty foliage plants should try a few bulbs of the Fancy-leaved Caladium.

McIntosh Co., Ga. Geo. Mansfield.

A Good Pond Plant.—Pontederia cordata is a common native plant, but very beautiful and attractive for growing in shallow water. It grows two or three feet high, in the form of a Calla Lily, with heart-shaped leaves. The blossoms are borne on tall spikes. Each flower is six-lobed, the upper one containing a heart-shaped, yellow spot. They are a beautiful shade of blue, and produced all summer. Jessie Lynch.

Yamhill Co., Ore.

[NOTE.—A curious habit of *Pontederia cordata* is that after blooming the scape curves until the young seed-pod is immersed in the water, and it thus remains until the seeds are ripe. The plant is beautiful for a pond, and is hardy and of easy culture.—ED.]

Allium Aureum.—I love yellow flowers, and this is one of the easiest grown. I procured one bulb six years ago and now have two large clumps of it. All it needs is to be undisturbed, and it is sure to bloom and increase. Its cheerful yellow flowers brighten up the home garden. When once planted it requires no attention for many years, but may be taken up every season.

Ontario, Can. Mrs. T. A. Bishop.

THE CANNA.

OF LATE years the Canna has rapidly come to the front as a bedding plant. This is not very remarkable when we recall the great improvement of the Canna within the past few years. The flowers, of different shades of red and yellow, are almost as large as those of the Gladiolus. They are produced continuously from July until frost kills the plants in autumn. In addition to the flowers, the foliage is ornamental, being of a reddish color on some plants and deep green on others, while the leaves are broad and large, giving the plant a tropical appearance. The newer varieties are dwarf in growth, most of them growing about four or five feet high. The Canna succeeds best in moderately rich soil, made as loose as possible. About the first of May is the best time for planting in the open ground, although they can be planted out as late as the first of June. The Canna is a moisture-loving plant, but will stand considerable dry weather. It blooms best when well watered during dry weather. The seeds of Cannas are somewhat slow to start unless they are filed or cut through the outer shell.

W. C. Mollett.

Wayne Co., W. Va., Jan. 4, 1903.

Spotted Callas.—Why do we not see more beds of Spotted Callas? They are as easily managed as Gladiolus. Successive planting produces various blooming periods. They like partial shade, and I find the east side of the house, around a small pear tree, an ideal place for them. This season the Calla bed is carpeted with beautiful Pansies, the glossy green and spotted white leaves towering above them make it one of the most cherished spots in my yard. In the fall, before freezing, they can be potted and kept in the window, where they will bloom for Easter. The bulbs can also be dried off and kept in the cellar to bed out in the spring. When thus treated they are a long time in starting, and if put in the ground too early will rot. The last of April or first of May is usually a favorable time to set them in the ground. E. B.

Worcester Co., Mass., Aug. 29, 1903.

Dahlias.—The Dahlia is one of the most valuable of summer-blooming bulbs, as the blossoms are large and comprise many shades of red, yellow and pure white, with striped combinations of these colors, making them very conspicuous in the garden, as well as fine for cut flowers. Each blossom will remain perfect for at least a week. They grow in any good garden soil and can be wintered where potatoes will keep. The secret of keeping them is to thoroughly dry the tubers before putting them in the cellar.

Kate Little.

Filmore Co., Minn.

Floral Poetry.

WILD PLUM BLOSSOMS.

Over the earth the sky arched blue,
And the sparrows twittered the whole day through,
While sweet from the thicket the fresh breeze blew
The breath of the Wild Plum blossoms.

They walked from school in the olden way,
A lad and a lassie young and gay;
And she wore at her throat a milk-white spray
From the wealth of the Wild Plum blossoms.

And he told his love, all gallantly,
And his dreams of the years that yet would be;
Ah, the shrine that they beguiled to memory
And the breath of the Wild Plum blossoms!

The day was bright when he marched away,
And the lad was grave though the lass was gay;
But her face was white for many a day—
White as the Wild Plum blossoms.

The days went on, as the days must do—
Went on and on, till the war was through;
But never a dream that they dreamed came true—
The dreams 'midst the Wild Plum blossoms.

And the lassie's head is bent and gray,
And the gallant laddie far away;
But the old-time joy comes back to-day
With the breath of the Wild Plum blossoms.

Phillips Co., Kas.

Alice W. Willis.

THE WHIPPOORWILL.

There floats a note from yonder hill,
Where zephyrs softly croon;
The joyous calls of whippoorwill,
Anent the full-orbed moon.

The Oaks and Hickories standing round,
With leaves as silver bright,
Repeat with joy the rapturous sound,
And rustle with delight.

The fleecy clouds which silent float,
Smile in their moonlight sheen;
As if the heaven itself did gloat
Upon the tuneful scene.

The cuckoos and the tawny thrush,
With all the daylight throng,
Are silent in the Hawthorn bush,
List'ning to Night's sweet song.

O happy, happy whippoorwill,
No shadows thee appal;
Nor basky glooms with terror fill,
Or taint thy cheery call.

'Tis Love inspires thy vesper hymn,
Thy mate is by thy side;
Nor darksome thoughts, nor specters dim,
With Love can e'er abide.

Ringgold Co., Iowa.

Persis Heaton.

NOW.

Wait not, I pray, till my life is spent,
And my mouldering body shall lie,
To use fragrant flowers as friendship's regard,
But use them before I die.

One bud now given as a token of love,
Is worth many thousands of roses,
Or wreaths of white lilies o'er dark-brown clay,
That marks where my body reposes.

Rather cheer me along life's toilsome way
By a kiss or handshake given;
For little I'll reck of the wreaths at the tomb,
When my spirit is happy in heaven.

Ellis Co., Tex.

T. H. Yarbrough.

THE PLANTAIN.

Little yoeman in the dooryard
Of lone, deserted farm,
In the spring you quickly gather
To shield it from all harm;
And through the sun-lit summer
So valiantly you stand,
With broad green shining banners,
And slender spears in hand.

The Lilac brings her blossoms
Of tender purple hue,
And waves them near the windows,
Tho' none are there to view;
And the fragrant Sweet Brier leaning
Against the building lone,
Looks on the yoeman army
Encamped around door stone.

Where in ranks you stand all ready,
Uplifting spears of green,
A fearless, rustic army,
Your bravery is seen,
For no foe lurks near the dwelling,
So faithfully each day
You guard the tender memories
Of years now passed away.

The wild birds in the tree-tops
Are sentinels, 'tis true,
And watch from dawn till sunset
From their lofty point of view;
And the yoeman army waiting
'Neath Nature's magic spell,
Receives glad tidings daily
From bee scouts, "All is well."

Merrimack Co., N. H.

Ray Laurance.

ANTIRRHINUM MAJUS.

With stalk and leaf like burnished leather,
Or like some tropic bird's gay feather,
My Antirrhinum rises;
Rewarding amply all my labors,
The admiration of my neighbors,
'Tis one among my prizes.

With blossoms highly ornate growing
On slender stems, and daily showing
New ones above those fading,
Each like an oddly-figured jewel,
Or knitting work of fancy crewel,
With darker tints for shading.

A perfume exquisite, though subtle,
Comes forth as Nature's magic shuttle
Works at its constant weaving;
Some plants for being richly scented,
More frequently are complimented,
While less delight achieving.

Coles Co., Ill.

Robert S. Davis.

WHITE VIOLETS.

Close in the shade of the low gray wall
That curves 'neath the Maple trees,
Pale Violets hide in mute defense
'Gainst the quest of wanton breeze.
But their hearts' sweet life—like incense rare—
Steals up on the sunbeam's gold,
Betraying the wealth of snowy bloom
That emerald leaves unfold.

Green Co., O. Philippina Barlow Sabin.

THE FAIRIES' HAIR STORE.

I passed through the woodland,
When winter was o'er,
And there I beheld
The fairies' hair store.
There were tresses so wavy,
And tresses so fair,
Ah, people have told me
"Twas just Maiden's Hair!

Sagadahoc, Co. Me. Alice May Douglas.

Pot Culture.

LEPTOSIPHON DENSIFLORUS.

ONE of the most free-blooming and beautiful of the many species generally classed botanically under the genus *Gilia*, is the one represented in the engraving, known in catalogues as *Leptosiphon densiflorus*. The plants start readily from seeds sown in the open ground, and should stand six inches apart in the bed. The foliage is very narrow and makes a delicate and attractive background for the profusion of flowers, white and blue, which crowd each other in a dense mass when the plant is in full bloom. Being a hardy annual, the seeds may be sown as soon as the ground can be worked, and will bloom all the better for such early starting. It is a native of California, and like most of the California annuals, may be sown in the open ground in the autumn in many sections. As an edging, as well as a summer pot plant, it is handsome, and deserves general cultivation.

Begonia rubra.—*Begonia rubra* has glossy green foliage and bright flowers of a rose-scarlet color, which, together, make an attractive house plant. It is inclined to grow leggy, and should be pitched well in. When new shoots have grown tall enough for standards, they should have the tips pinched out. They will then send out one more shoot which should be pinched just above the set of eyes. They will then branch sufficiently, and the old stalk may be cut away and set for rooting if divided into short slips.

Marion Howard.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

Umbrella Plant.—If you want to succeed with the Umbrella Plant, cut all the blooms off. In a short time new shoots will come out between the old leaves. Always keep water standing about one inch above the surface soil, summer and winter.

Mrs. H. S. Hall.

Middlesex Co., Conn., Nov. 23, 1902.

BOUGAINVILLEA.

I RECEIVED a plant of Bougainvillea. It was potted in a pint can in good garden soil, kept moist, but not wet, and in partial shade. In a short time it had to be repotted in a quart can. It was then time to put my flowers in the pit. I followed directions and gave it plenty of sun all winter, but scarcely any water. It dropped all of its foliage, but when spring came it showed signs of new growth. I then potted it in a six-inch pot, and it sent out leaves and green bracts which soon changed to a lovely bright purple color. Later the small creamy flowers inside the bract opened. It was an odd and beautiful sight. I never before saw so small a plant have so many blooms. Everyone admired it, both for its beauty and its oddity.

Mrs. J. J. M.
Marlboro Co., N.C.

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Geranium.—What plant is more useful or desirable than the Geranium? Its giant clusters of brilliant flowers stand the blazing sun for weeks. Touch the foliage, and the spicy fragrance will make you homesick for "mother's garden." None other is such a keen reminder of childhood's days as the Geranium, be it the Balm, Ivy, Rose, Lady Washington or Gen Grant. Its outward variations are many, still it is the same dear old plant, gracing alike

the conservatory or the cottage window.

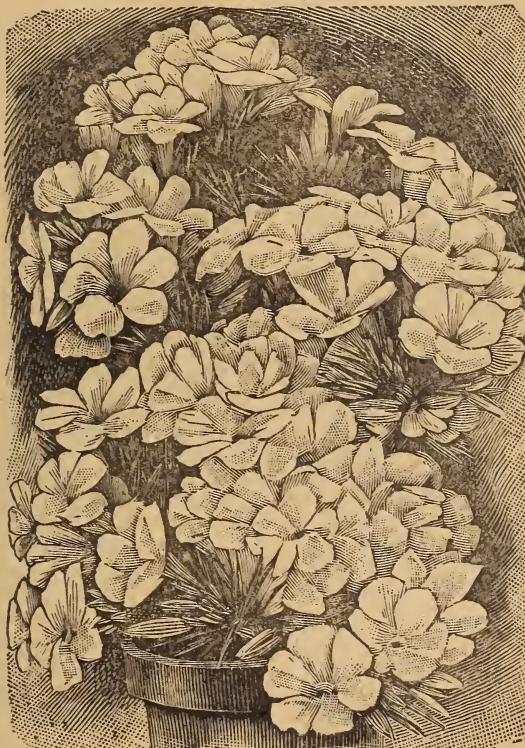
Jennie Lee Bain

Columbia Co., N. Y.

Pineapple Geranium.—I have grown some fine plants of Pineapple Geranium. I find they are very susceptible to the mealy bug. To have a nice plant that will retain the large healthy leaves which first come on, don't let it become root-bound. Shift it as fast as it grows. The one I had, when in full bloom, occupied a large wooden bucket. It stood as high as a double window, and how it did bloom! Every branch showed many long spikes of the pretty red blossoms.

Woods Co., Okla.

Mrs. Hutch.



LEPTOSIPHON DENSIFLORUS.

DAINTY GREEN FOR WINDOW AND CUT FLOWERS.

NO WINDOW garden is complete without several pots of dainty green foliage plants for mixing in bouquets of cut flowers, and for a background for flowering plants in the window garden. The old glossy Smilax has won a place for itself, and is so graceful and dainty, and so easily grown that many prefer it to all other greenery for the winter window garden, as well as for other decorations where a bit of dainty, lasting greenery is required. Last spring I succeeded in growing a number of pots of this from seeds with no more care than is required for the Verbena. The dainty green and feathery, airy grace of the Asparagus, as well as the habit of retaining their freshness for days when cut, have made them the most popular of the many valuable plant introductions of recent date. There are several varieties of the Asparagus but two of the most desirable sorts are Plumbosus and Sprengerii. Plumbosus is one of the most delicate and beautiful of all the foliage plants. I have seen it fresh and green on graves, days after it had been placed there, when all other cuttings had become brown and lifeless. Sprengerii is on an entirely different order, but is a very beautiful and popular basket, or pot plant, and is also desirable for cut flower purposes. In our list of green we must not overlook the Boston Sword Fern which is a superb plant for either pot or basket. I have seen some very fine specimens grown by those who declared they did not know enough of floriculture to grow a Geranium. It will stand any amount of neglect, yet responds wonderfully to a little care, and is a most imposing plant in the house in winter, if given a little attention and kept free from dust.

Laura Jones.

Lincoln Co., Ky., Dec. 12, 1903.

[NOTE.—A very pretty and deliciously fragrant plant for cutting from for bouquets is the *Artemisia annua*. Some call it Sweet Fern because of its sweet, fern-like sprays. It is of the easiest culture, and an annual that will thrive in any garden.—ED.]

Saintpaulia ionantha.—This is a charming plant. The leaves are small and hairy, and grow close and low, forming a rosette. The blooms are deep blue, something like a Violet. It is easily grown and a constant and most profuse bloomer. Mine stands on a bracket by an east window, and has never been troubled with insects of any kind. It is now, and has been all winter, a mass of lovely flowers and pretty foliage. The leaves will root in water, like *Gloxinia*.

H. E. L.

Hartford Co., Conn.

Weeping Lantana.—This is a choice summer plant for pots. It blooms profusely and continuously.

BEGONIA, PRESIDENT CARNOT.

IF THERE is anything prettier in the Begonia line than a well-grown plant of President Carnot Begonia, we want to know it, so that we can obtain a plant. Ours, of the above variety, has not been without blossoms since June, and is now, Christmas eve, the occupant of a three-gallon pail, with numerous branches and beautiful bloom panicles. Its foliage alone is beautiful. While not quite so attractive as the Argentea Guttata, it is a much more rapid grower for us. Our plant was a small one last May. It has been a much more robust plant than the far-famed Rubra, but then all Begonias are very attractive to me.

E. C.

Edgar Co., Ill.

Maidenhair Fern.—Of five varieties of ferns in my collection, the Maidenhair is the prettiest, and should be in every plant-lovers collection. It may be obtained in nearly every State, and is easily cultivated. It can be taken up and transplanted at any time. I have a large bed at the north side of a wall, which is a mass of delicate, waving fronds, from early spring until autumn. The bed is composed of woods earth, a foot thick, with a layer of broken brick beneath for drainage.

Nat. S. Green.

Hamilton Co., Ohio.

Cyperus alternifolius.—Since I learned how to treat Cyperus, no house-plant has afforded more satisfaction. I had always watered it freely, but it gave only three or four perfect umbrellas at a time. Last fall I set the plants potted in good soil into a jardiniere, which I kept filled with water nearly to the top of the pot. As the result it has between twenty and thirty umbrellas, perfect to their tips, and several more starting. It has no insect enemies, and to me is more graceful than a Palm, and requires much less care.

F.

Erie Co., Pa.

Araucaria Excelsa.—I bought this plant two years ago. It had only two tiers of leaves; the third tier was just beginning to show. It is now growing in an eight-inch pot, and has seven tiers of those lovely perfect-shaped stars. The leaves appear five at a time, and form a star about eight inches between each tier. The lower limbs droop in the most graceful way imaginable. They reach the stand on which the pot is setting.

Mrs. J. C. S.

Sumter Co., S. C.

Seedling Geraniums.—Geraniums are as easily grown from seeds as from cuttings, and seedlings started in early April will blossom in October.

Anonymous.

Ontario Co., N. Y.

Trees and Shrubs.

THE LILAC.

ONE of the most delightful shrubs in the flower kingdom is the Lilac. This, our grandmother's old-time favorite, is as sweet and charming as in years long gone. No other flowering shrub, except the Rose, is such a universal favorite and so dear to our hearts. It is a strong grower and will fight its way through an old stone wall and flourish, never failing to cover itself in the flowering season with loads of purple fragrant bloom. It is thoroughly hardy in our northern climate and endures the rigors of our most severe winters.

I have grown the white Lilac, but I prefer the purple. The white grows very much taller than the purple.

The Lilac is said to be of oriental origin, and was brought into Europe about 1550. Some fifty years later it was called in Morin's catalogue *Syringa Corrula Lusitania*. In 1601 it was common in the gardens of Belgium and Germany. It appeared a little later in Paris where it was prized and sought after by the wealthy, and fabulous prices were often paid for little sprouts no more than a foot high. Among the pleasantest of childhood's memories is the big pitcher of Lilacs on mother's stand, filling the whole room with its sweetness.

Wash. Co., Vt. S. Minerva Boyce.

Habrothamnus elegans.—It's budded! On investigation I found a cutting of Habrothamnus budded, after waiting several years for the old plant to bloom, and having grown into a miniature tree, it was consigned to the cellar (to live or die) until spring. The small cutting surprised me by blooming. It seems the longest named plants are the longest time blooming, but I feel well repaid for the care and trouble when they do bloom. Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

Oleanders.—Keep the Oleanders well pinched back. You can train them into beautiful trees. In the blooming time give plenty of water and fertilizer. Mine has over one thousand buds and blossoms. It is six feet high, and only five years old. It is a perfectly formed tree. If well fed and pruned, the blossoms are much larger.

Somerset Co., Maine. Sister Bert.

Shrubs.—I would highly recommend the Forsythia. It is the earliest shrub to bloom in the spring—a bright yellow in color. The Berberis Thunbergi, and the Deutzia in variety; also Spireas, Kerria Japonica fl. pl., and last, but not least, Weigelia floribunda. These are only a beginning. You won't know where to end.

Mad. Co. Ill. Mrs. M. A. Buckner.

DOCTOR DID IT.

Put on 86 lbs. by Food.

Feed a physician back to health and he gains an experience that he can use to benefit others. For this reason Grape-Nuts food is daily recommended to patients by hundreds of physicians who have cured themselves of stomach trouble. One doctor says:

"Although a physician and trying to aid and assist my fellow beings to enjoy good health it must be admitted I formerly did not enjoy the best of health myself. In January, 1899 I only weighed 119 pounds. At this time I was living in the Ohio valley and began to think I had about seen my best days. One day about 3 years ago I had an opportunity to try Grape-Nuts food for my breakfast. I liked it so well that I ate three teaspoonfuls three times a day and have regularly used it up to the present time, and I now weigh 155 a gain of 36 pounds and enjoy the best of health."

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Ask any physician about the scientific principles on which Grape-Nuts food is made. He'll tell you the principles are perfect.

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Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Horse Chestnut.—This tree has been well termed the "Giant's Nosegay." It is a native of Asia. It was brought to England about 1550. It is valuable chiefly as an ornamental tree, its timber being of an inferior quality.

The Horse Chestnut with scarlet blossoms is not so common as we would like to see it. This was brought to England from Brazil in 1820. One has said that at Trieste this tree planted near a dwelling served to drive gnats away—not to draw them, as has been supposed.

Sagad. Co., Me. Alice M. Douglas.

Floral Miscellany.

SWEET PEAS.

MY SWEET PEAS have given me more pleasure than any one flower this year. Early in the spring I dug a trench about six inches deep, put in rich soil from the barn yard, equally mixed with chip dirt, which makes the soil loose, while soil from the barn yard packs and gets hard. Some of the seeds I planted in a circle, giving them brush for support; some I planted in a row, giving them strong cord supported by a frame about six feet high. The vines climbed to the top and would have climbed higher. I like the cord better than the brush. I furnished the support when the plants were small, and banked as they grew. When the weather was warm I put grass over the roots, which kept the ground from drying out. They were lovely, beautiful colors, too numerous to mention. One of the secrets of prolonging the bloom is to not allow seed pods to form. The flowers should be cut every other day at least.

Brownie.

Hunterdon Co., N. J.

Mouse-proof Bulb Boxes.—Mice are very fond of some kinds of bulbs, so to avoid them I take large wooden boxes and put them in the cellar. Then I make a lid of wire screening and lath or thin boards. I tack the screening on one side of the box, and the other three sides of screen I tack on lath that fit the top of the box, so that a mouse cannot get in. I have a large box for Cannas and Dahlias, a smaller one for Tritomas, Gladioli and Ixias. I also have a box with a screen lid to put my bulbs in for winter blooming. The box is higher than the flower pots, to give the plants room to grow a little.

Lotta J. Garverick.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 20, 1903.

My Flower Case.—My Flower Case is made of six windows, three on a side, and sets against the double west windows. It is six feet long, twenty-one inches wide, and thirty-one inches high. It is boarded up, ends, top and bottom, and papered inside and out, with five thickness of wall paper. One middle window is used for a door. Carnations, Freesias, Daffodils, Callas, Oxalis, Chrysanthemums, Primroses, Asparagus, Otaheite Orange, and other plants do finely in it.

Tarrant Co., Tex. Nell McLaughlin.

Cut Flowers.—To keep flowers fresh, I put them in a vessel lacking one-fourth inch of being full of sand, and filled up with water. In that way I have had them fresh for several days, in the hot sun all the time.

Clark Co., Ky.

Aunt Nan.

GRAND WIFE. The Kind Worth Having.

A well-known lady of Carthage, Mo., says: Although I do not drink tea or coffee myself I have had a most interesting experience in my family for about a year ago my husband began to fail in health. He would get so very nervous at times he would have to give up his work and come home. His eyes were failing him and the doctor became alarmed—was afraid he was going to lose his sight. He also got very yellow in complexion, at times his blood ran cold, from nervous chills the doctor said.

"In a few days he would return to work still in that dull, chilly condition. He would drink coffee, coffee, coffee, 'for a stimulant' he would say (as he drank no liquor.)

"His condition gradually got worse instead of better until finally I made up my mind coffee had something to do with it so I bought a package of Postum without telling him, and made it according to directions. He drank it and seemed to like it so I continued to make it and before the first package was gone he began to get so clear a complexion and feel so well, gaining fast in flesh, he was so delighted he would get weighed every day.

"Finally he talked so much about it (he had gained 10 pounds in 10 days) I could not keep it a secret any longer and told him to give Postum the credit. The consequences are there has been no more coffee in the house since (and no doctor either.)

"Postum is a delightful drink made according to directions, I have found no better way as it is a rich golden brown when cream is added.

"I forgot to say husband's eyes are as strong as they ever were, he is well and hearty, does not sit around the stove chilled all the time as he did before." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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My Ficus elastica.—This plant reminds one of a stately general in his dress uniform, standing ready to inspect his men. It is growing in a ten-inch pot, and is seven feet high, with leaves eighteen inches long, of glossy bright green. I give plenty of liquid manure, and never let it suffer for water. It grows very fast in warm weather. I give very little water when the plant is resting.

Sumter Co., S. C.

Mrs. J. C. S.

THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT

Didn't Know I Had Kidney Trouble

I had tried so many remedies without their having benefited me that I was about discouraged, but in a few days after taking your wonderful Swamp-Root I began to feel better.

I was out of health and run down generally;



MRS. A. L. WALKER.

had no appetite, was dizzy and suffered with headache most of the time. I did not know that my kidneys were the cause of my trouble, but somehow felt they might be, and I began taking Swamp-Root, as above stated. There is such a pleasant taste to Swamp-Root, and it goes right to the spot and drives disease out of the system. It has cured me, and I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers.

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MRS. A. L. WALKER,
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WOMEN suffer untold misery because the nature of their disease is not always correctly understood; in many cases when doctoring, they are led to believe that womb trouble or female weakness of some sort is responsible for their ills, when in fact disordered kidneys are the chief cause of their distressing troubles. Perhaps you suffer almost continually with pain in the back, bearing-down feelings, headache and utter exhaustion.

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Bean, Lima, Early Jersey, Dreer's Improved, Extra Large White, Siebert's Early Lima and Dreer's, Henderson's and Burpee's Dwarf Lima. All same price as Pole Beans.

Beet, New Crimson Globe, early, globe shaped, blood-crimson, exceedingly tender, absolutely free from woodiness and stringiness, and of delicious flavor. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cts., oz. 8 cts. Other Beets, same price: Edmond's Turnip, Detroit Turnip, Bassano, Long Blood, Extra Early Eclipse, Crosby's Egyptian, Giant Yellow Mangold Wurzel, Golden Tarkand, Mammoth Long Red and Vilmorin's Improved Sugar.

Borecole, a kind of Cabbage. Fine for winter greens, hardy and ornamental. 1 lb. 90c., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25c., 1 oz. 8c.

Cabbage, New Early Spring, surpasses all other kinds, every plant producing a fine head, solid, crisp and sweet, superior for family use and best for market. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75 cts., oz. 20 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 12 cts. Others, same price: Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Winningstadt, Early Flat Dutch, Early Drumhead.

Cabbage, True Danish Ballhead, the most solid, best-keeping, surest-heading, most popular of late varieties. Every plant bears a good head, round, compact and of the finest quality. It is the most productive of Cabbages. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75 cts., oz. 20 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 12 cts. Other sorts, same price: Excelsior Late Flat Dutch, Excelsior Late Drumhead, Surehead, Autumn King or World Beater, Drumhead Savoy, Green Curled Savoy and Red Dutch Pickling.

Carrot, Chantenay or Model, an easily grown and excellent vegetable. The finest sort for garden use. Valuable for feeding stock. 1 lb. 75 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cts., 1 oz. 8 cts. Other sorts, same price: Early Scarlet Horn, Oxheart and Improved Long Orange.

Cauliflower, Veitch's Autumn Giant, the most tender and delicious of the Cabbage family. Treat as you would Cabbage. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.25, 1 oz. 40 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 15 cts. I can also supply Improved Snowball as follows: $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 75 cts., 1 oz. \$2.50, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$8.00.

Celery, New Golden Rose-ribbed, a self-blanching, beautiful, quick-growing, tender and crisp variety of superior flavor. The finest kind for either home or market. 1 lb. \$2.75, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 90 cts., 1 oz. 25 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 15 cts. Other sorts: Pascal, White Plume and Pink Plume; 1 lb. \$1.50, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50 cts., oz. 25 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 15 cts.

Cucumber, Improved Early White Spine, one of the best varieties for slicing or pickling; 1 lb. \$1.50, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50 cts., 1 oz. 15 cts. Improved Long Green; same price.

Special Bargain.—For 30 cents I will send the 31 62 pkts. for 50 cents, to two different addresses, if desired.

GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Lancaster Co., Pa.



Asparagus Plumosus

This is equally as beautiful, and even more delicate than Asparagus Sprengeri. The sprays of foliage are lace-like, rich dark green, and exquisitely delicate and handsome. The plants grow upright, and are charming for pots. They should be repotted as they grow, and they become more beautiful with age. The sprays are lovely for cutting. Fine plants 15 cents each, 4 for 50 cents, mailed.

Special Offer.—I will mail, this month, one Pierson Plume Fern, one Asparagus Sprengeri and one Asparagus plumosus nanus, all fine plants, for only 50 cents. Order now.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.

Corn, Sweet, New Early Giant, has the qualities of a first-class variety. It is white, very sweet and tender, and keeps in a usable state for a long time. 1 quart 45 cts., 1 pint 25 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ pint 15 cts., 3 pkts 12 cts., 1 pkt (2 ozs.) 5 cts. Also at same price: Early Corry, Country Gentleman, Improved Sugar, Egyptian Sweet. **Kohlrabi**, Early White Vienna, an excellent vegetable of easy culture. Good for table use and feeding stock. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50 cts., 1 oz. 15 cts.

Leek, Large American Flag, a vegetable similar to the Onion in flavor, and requires similar treatment. Produces thick stems of sweet flavor when properly blanched. 1 lb. 85 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cts., 1 oz. 8 cts.

Lettuce, New York, best all-round Lettuce, immense heads, crisp, tender and free from bitterness. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 20 cts., oz. 8 cts. Others, same price: Improved Hanson, Big Boston, Salamander and Trianon.

Musk-melon, Rocky Ford, first-class, medium-sized fruit of good quality; fleshy, sweet and of exquisite flavor. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cts., oz. 8 cts. Emerald Gem, Tip Top, Hackensack, Acme and Jenny Lind at same price.

Watermelon, Early Sweet, splendid, early and sweet; grows where others fail. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 20 cts., oz. 8 cts. Others, same price: Dixie, Phinney's Early, Fordhook, Kolb's Gem, Mountain Sweet.

Okra, Early Dwarf, Prolific, compact, early, grows readily and bears freely; fine for soups, stews and pickles. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cts., oz. 5 cts.

Onion, Australian Brown, solid, tender and sweet; none keep better, none more desirable; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 20 cts., oz. 8 cts. Other varieties: Early Red Wethersfield, Extra Early Red, Yellow Danvers, Red Globe, Yellow Globe and Silver Skin, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50 cts., oz. 15 cts.

Parsley, Champion, very productive; fine for seasoning soups and meats. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cts., oz. 6 cts.

Parsnip, Improved Guernsey, best variety, flesh fine-grained, tender and delicious; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 10 cts., oz. 5 cts.

Pepper, New Columbus, enormous, bell-shaped fruit, mild, sweet, various colors; fine for stuffing. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c., oz. 25c. Others: Long Red, Cayenne, Cherry, etc.

Pea, Champion of England; one of the best, producing great pods of finely flavored Peas in great abundance; quart 35 cts., pint 18 cts. Others, same price: Philadelphia Extra Early, First and Best, Ever-bearing, Heroine, Large Marrowfat and Alaska.

Radish, New Cardinal White-tip, earliest known variety and one of the best; fine market sort; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cts., oz. 5 cts. Other sorts at same price: French Breakfast, White Turnip, Long Scarlet, Cincinnati Market, Early Deep Scarlet, White-tip Scarlet Ball, Chinese Rose Winter, Charlier, Golden Globe, White Vienna, Scarlet China Winter, Strasburg etc.

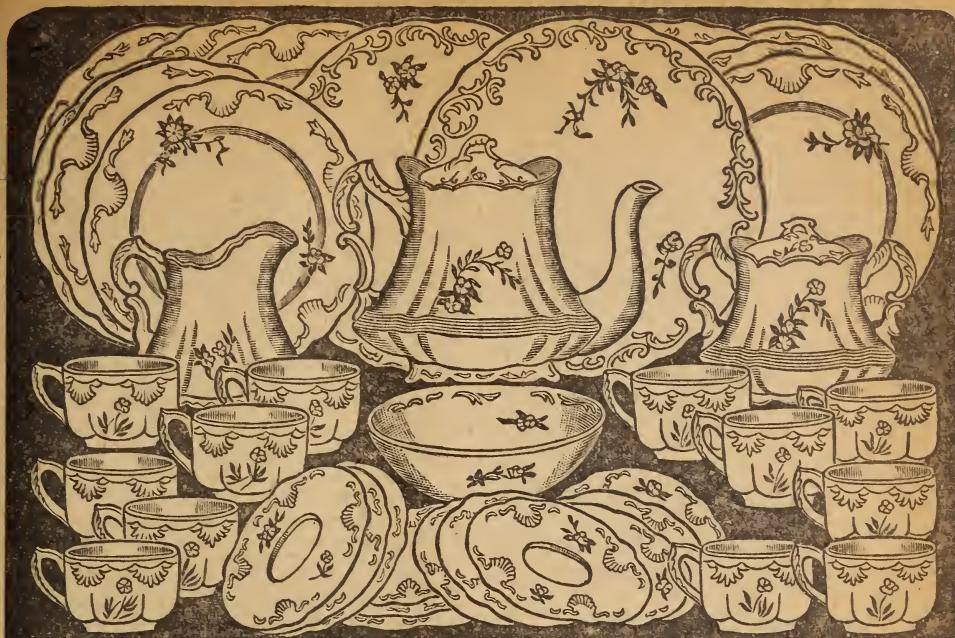
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Tomato, The Faultless Stone; finest and most profitable variety; fruit large, rich in color, ripens evenly. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 65 cts., oz. 25 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 15 cts. Also Livington's Beauty, Ignatium, Golden Queen, Trophy, Ponderosa, Livington's Favorite, Ten Ton and Atlantic Prize.

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Turnip, Purple-top White Globe, the best; 1b. 50c., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15c., oz. 5c. At same price: Purple-top Strap-leaf, Amber Globe, White Stone, Early Flat Dutch, Early Flat Purple-top, Extra White Milan, Robertson's Golden Ball, Early Six Weeks, Scarlet Kashmyr.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Park:—In taking a walk one day in May, I passed through a partly cleared timber patch, and stepped right into the largest patch of *Arisaema triphyllum* I have ever seen. It must have covered half an acre at least. All were in bloom at the time. I lifted half a dozen of the plants and brought them home, planting in a situation similar to that in which they grew. They have grown nicely, and are now bearing the peculiar club-shaped seed clusters. I have often searched for them in the woods around here, but never before have I found more than single specimens. We have many beautiful wild flowers in Iowa. Along railroad tracks they are numerous, sometimes a sheet of color for miles.

Our western railroads are becoming more aesthetic in their tastes; formerly the passenger stations were ugly and dreary, surrounded by cinders; now this is changing. For an example, I take the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, one of our great trunk lines, which passes through this city. For forty years they had an ugly old brick station here, with a cheerless outlook of tracks and stone paved yards. Last year they built a

beautiful new, fire-proof, pressed-brick and stone station, with elegant furnishings, completing the structure in the fall. This spring they began improving the grounds, occupying an entire block, with the result that they have a most heartsome spot; one of the prettiest in this beautiful city. The grounds present an expanse of velvety green lawn, with handsome beds of foliage and flowering plants, while smooth sidewalks of concrete connect the building with the street. The three surrounding streets are paved with brick. The station is located in the midst of a residence district, four blocks from the business section. The company have received much praise for their efforts, and incoming travellers moreover receive a good impression of the town. They are doing the same in other towns, building many handsome stations. It seems to me the time is coming when our railroad companies will take as much pride in their stations and grounds as private citizens do in their homes, and I hail the day when they do.

With these words, and an expression of appreciation for the Magazine which I enjoy reading as much as ever. Claude L. Robinson.
Johnson Co., Iowa.



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Ageratum, new large-flowered dwarf sorts, mixed.
Alonsoa, lovely, free-blooming plants for pots or beds.
Alyssum, New Carpet, mass of large white clusters.
Amaranthus, new quadricolor, superb variegation.
Antirrhinum, (Snapdragon), Giant Fragrant mxd.
Aster, Peony-flowered Perfection Improved, incurved flower of enormous size; all sorts, special mixed.
Aster, New Victoria, splendid large flowers, very double, finely imbricated petals, all colors mixed.
Aster, New Marvel, globe-flowered, double, white with a distinct blood-red centre; a grand novelty.
Aster, Ostrich-feather, enormous flowers with twisted petals, like a Japan Chrysanthem'um; all colors mxd.
Aster, Park's Silver Cloud, makes grand bed of white bloom; flowers very large and perfectly double.
Aster, Cocardeau, of many rich colors, very double, with pure white centre; mixed.
Aster, Queen of Earlies; earliest of Asters; many fine colors mixed; splendid for either pots or beds.
Aster, Chrysanthemum-flowered Dwarf, an elegant, showy, freeblooming Aster; for beds or pots; mix'd.
Aster, Harlequin, double, the colors checkered white.
Balsam, Park's Camellia-flowered, as double as a Rose and of all shades, as well as spotted; mixed.
Buxacallia, New Giant, elegant large blue flowers.
Bellis, Giant Double Daisy, charming hardy edging; fine for pots; white, rose, crimson, red; finest mixed.
Calliopsis, New Compact, crimson, gold, etc., mixed.
Calendula, New Large-flowered, all colors, mixed.
Candytuft, hardy annual; special mixture all sorts.
Canna, Cozy's Gladiolus-flowered; finest mixture.
Capsicum, Ornamental Peppers, finest mixture of all shapes, sizes and colors; fine for garden and pots.
Carnation, New Hybrids, early, large, scented, double flowers; all hues mixed; bloom first season.
Celosia, Giant Dwarf Coxcomb, crimson, rose and orange in shades, mixed; saved from finest combs.
Celosia, Feathered; new, plumy, all colors mixed.
Centaurea, Double Bachelor's Buttons; fine mix't're.
Centaurea, King of Blue Bottles; large blue, fine.
Centaurea, Imperialis, New Giant Sweet Sultan; large and fragrant; white, lilac, rose, etc., mixed.
Cosmos, Early-flowering, superb fall flowers; white, rose, crimson and yellow mixed.
Dahlia, Double and Single, finest mixture of all colors, easily raised as Zinnias and bloom as soon.
Delphinium (Larkspur), finest annual sorts mixed.
Dianthus Chinensis, lovely Pinks blooming the first season; all colors and markings in finest mixture.
Eschscholtzia, California Poppy; all colors mixed.
Gaillardia grandiflora, new compact, a superb summer bedding hardy perennial; flowers showy and continuously produced all the season; mixed.
Rebenstreitia Comosa, the new "African Mignonne;" easily grown, deliciously sweet.
Helianthus, Sunflower, double and single, mixed.
Hibiscus, New Giant, a splendid perennial blooming first season; huge golden flowers; 6 to 10 feet high.
Kochia scoparia, Summer Cypress; fine foliage.
Lobelia, New Perpetual Blue, showy basket and edging plant; flowers large, intense blue with white eye.
Marigold, French and African, finest double mixed.
Mignonette, Sweet, new, richly scented varieties; white, red, yellow, finest mixture. Common sort, excellent for bee pasture, ounce 8 cts., pound \$1.00.
Mimulus, large, Gloxinia-flowered, tigrid varieties; yellow, orange and white and red, spotted, mixed.
Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, special mixture of new, dwarf, spotted-leaved sorts, all colors.
Mysotis, Forget-me-not, special mixture of the new, large-flowered, early varieties, all colors.
Nemesia strumosa, new colors, large-flowered, showy and beautiful, mixed.
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Dear Floral Friends:—To say that it is a waste of money for one to spend large sums for floral decorations, for certain occasions, such as weddings and funerals, is a waste of words. Of course, there are cases in which expense along this line is carried too far. The fact is that in many instances florists in small cities would be obliged to close out their business but for these large orders, and the people who so appreciate the privilege of purchasing an inexpensive plant for themselves, or a dollar's worth of flowers for an invalid friend, do not realize that they would be unable to do so were it not because of the heavy purchases of those whose apparent extravagance they criticise. The large orders which people of wealth, singly or collectively, expend for floral decorations for some celebration, or as a tribute to one deceased, are the direct means of giving elevating employment to many. Those who work in flower establishments are removed from many temptations which come to those in other callings. Doubtless hundreds of young men have been saved from ruin by giving up positions in the cities and going into the suburbs to work for nursery men. Now in floriculture as in everything else, the best charity that one can render another in need of assistance is work.

By the way, every tree, every shrub, every plant, every blossom is a missionary, blessing each beholder.

Alice May Douglas.

Sagadahoc Co., Me., Dec. 28, 1903.

Dear Floral Friends:—While I now make my initial bow to you, Park's Floral Magazine and myself are not strangers. I have taken it for many years, and am now on the list as a five-year subscriber. Did any of you ever feel that you had lost something very valuable out of your life, by not having done some particular thing? Well, that is the way I often feel, because I did not commence the growing of flowers sooner. During the earlier years of my life, circumstances compelled me to devote both my time and means to other things. Now as I am well along in years, and my labors and cares are fewer, I can only feel sorry that I have missed the pleasures the flowers would have given me. While my failures have been quite as numerous as my successes, still I have no reason to feel discouraged, and have some things to feel proud of.

Mariah E. Foreman.

McLean Co., Ill., Nov. 24, 1903.

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Phoebe.

Herkimer Co., N. Y., Nov. 1, 1903.

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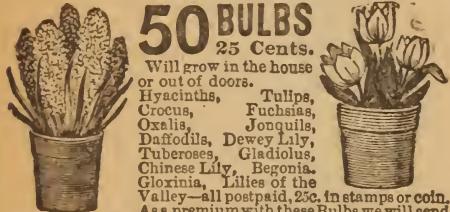
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THE DYING PROMISE.

You wonder as you sit to-night
Your hand close clasped in mine,
And try to pierce the veil between
Eternity and time;
And strive with eager gaze to scan
The stream I soon must cross,
And try e'en now to realize
The burden of your loss.

You wonder, love, how long 'twill be
That you must longing stand
With empty arms and aching heart,
Before, at God's command,
You're summoned to the further side
To join the angel band,
To know once more the thrilling joy
Of clasping, clinging hands.

You have a work before you yet,
A noble work, my own,
Or else our Father would not make
Your path so drear and lone.
He has some purpose high and true,
A calling pure and bright;
He has some work for you to do
And then will come the night.

Then work with willing hand and heart,
Make right and truth your aim,
And listen while I tell you, love,
When we shall meet again.
Ah! clasp me closer, closer love,
Within your sheltering arms;
How true and strong they have always been
To shelter me from harm.

And ere I tell you, let me ask
One blessed promise, love;
Let these dear arms be empty
Till we meet again above.
I know it will be lone, but ah!
I could not bear to die
And know another claimed the place
Where 'tis my Heaven to lie.

Be pure and noble, strong and true,
And when your work is done
You'll lay at blessed Jesus' feet
The laurels you have won,
And wait with patience by the stream
Where I have crossed before,
Waiting the boatman still and pale,
The silent muffled oar.

Dreading its shrouded mystery
Beyond your sight and breath,
The darkness that no light can pierce,
The silent stream of death.
Trying to look beyond the tide,
Trying in vain to see,
Stretching your arms with aching heart—
Across—to Heaven and me.

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Your inmost being through.
Your eyes flash forth a newborn light;
A well known form you view.

And you shall clasp with eager arms
The form you thought to dread,
And kiss once more the cherished bride
You mourned so long as dead;
For God is merciful, my love,
And I shall come to meet
The one true love that I have yearned
E'en while in Heaven to greet.

And then the stream so dark and deep
Will gleam with sudden light,
And we shall cross together, dear,
To shores of love and light;
And friends that 'round you stand and weep
Your sudden smile shall note,
And say "He's crossed the stream in peace,"
Nor dream who rowed the boat.

Emma B. French.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma takes your Magazine, and we all enjoy reading it. I visit my grandparents in Ohio nearly every summer. My grandpa lives in the country, and keeps many animals. I have four brothers and two sisters. I like flowers very much, and am going to have a flower garden all of my own. I go to a public school and am in the sixth grade.

Paula Friedemann.

Wayne Co., Mich., Apr. 10, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live in a log shanty in the woods. I have a pet cat and ten dolls. It is a big family. I was out in the woods, and I found some Jack-in-the-Pulpits. My favorite flowers are Roses, Asters, Pansies and Forget-me-nots.

Dagny Deborah Westem.

Holt Co., Wis., June 5, 1903.

Mr. Park:—I like your Magazine very much. I like the Children's Corner. I am eleven years old. I got a lovely doll for Christmas. It is dressed in a blue suit. My mamma had over seventy shades of Pansies, fifty feet of Dahlias, and the same of Sweet Peas. Her flowers went into more than forty homes.

Lylla Forsythe.

Jefferson Co., Pa., Apr. 8, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old, and live in the country. I have a brother named Alva, and a sister named Myrtle. My papa has fourteen horses. My mamma gets your vegetable seeds, and they are fine. Myrtle gets your flower seeds, and they grow nicely.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 13 years old, go to school, and am in the seventh grade. I am a lover of flowers. We have two or three beds of Pinks, and they bloom the whole year round. They stay in the ground in the winter and come up again in the spring as nice as ever. Mamma has been taking your Magazine for three or four years. She likes it very much. What I like most is to read the letters in the Children's Corner.

Mary Shannon.

Wyandotte Co., Kan., Sept. 3, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Mamie Larson. I play the organ. I am very fond of flowers. Mamma has taken your Magazine for three years. I like it very much. My pets are a cat and a dog. My dog's name is Shep. My cat's name is Topsy. I also have a pet hen named Spotty and a calf named Cherry. My favorite flowers are Roses, Pansies and Daisies.

Stella Brown.

Churchill Co., Nev., Jan. 19, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school. My papa is dead. My mamma and grandma and the children live alone, except a man who works for us. He is a very good man. My mamma takes your Magazine, and likes it very much. My little brother's name is John. We had a flower garden last summer. The flowers were very pretty. I love to read the Children's Corner.

Mary Lee Parson.

Warren Co., Ill.

Dear Mr. Park:—I take your Magazine and like it very well. The flowers I got from you last summer grew nicely, and were very pretty. I am thirteen years old. I love flowers and feel as though I could live among them. Mamma keeps lots of plants. We have some that are blooming. Mamma and I each take your Magazine. I always read the Children's Corner, and enjoy it.

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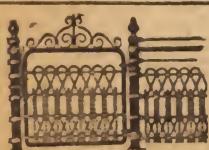
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My Dear Mr. Park:—A good and obedient husband will do as his wife wants him to do, providing he understands her, or what she expects him to do, for that makes all the difference known to him. I don't know that I am an exception, for there are lots of good husbands that are yet in the shade. However, I think that I am a pretty good husband for I am always ready and willing to please my wife in all of her numerous wants that come daily the year round; for while it is a satisfaction to me, it keeps her good natured and sunny and then everything runs as smooth as oil; but I am feeling "kinder heart broken" as I write. The other day my wife and I were talking about plants and flowers, and how nice they made everything smell, and that she would like a couple of potted plants to add to the already large collection, and asked me to get them for her. Then I tried to explain to her that I did not know any more about plants than an elephant, only that I liked to see them around. Well, said my wife, I will trust to your good judgment to make the selection, so now my dear you go to the florist and bring me home a couple of rare plants. That settled it. I went and like a good and faithful husband was soon tugging into the house two potted plants of Nasturtiums one under each arm which I proudly placed on the table. These are your rare plants with rare perfumery. She looked at the plants and then at me. "Well, I admire your judgment! Do you call those rare plants? Now you just take those nasty things right out of here! I won't have them in the house." Well, I just took those rare plants and marched out into the orchard and dug a hole under a golden russet apple tree and buried them. If they ever come to the surface I will cremate them. I shall never make any more selections of rare plants for my wife. A woman thinks that a man knows everything, but they don't, especially about rare plants.

William Crane.

Norfolk Co., Mass., Aug. 3, 1903.

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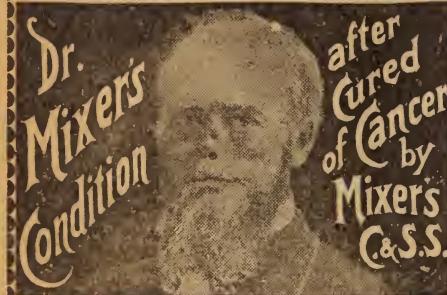


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Mrs. Thompson.

Champaign Co., Ill., Apr. 13, 1903.

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Under the trees in the woodland near by,
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And soon as the snow and the cold winds depart
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So let us all welcome the oncoming spring,
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And do not think that the flowers are dead,
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Knox Co., Ind., Henry W. Hall, Age 12.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Mrs. N. C. Siler, Nonah, N. C., will ex. mixed seeds of Nasturtium, Poppy and Cosmos and Cinnamon tubers for choice Chrysanthemums and Begonias.

M. M. Dirks, New Market, Minn., has double Dahlias, yellow and crimson, to exchange. Write.

Mrs. Martha Peterson, Battle Creek, Neb., has yellow and cream Iris and Oxalis bulbs to ex. for Dahlia clumps, Lily of the Valley, Cannas, seeds or bulbs.

Mrs. E. D. Mattheus, Morning Sun, Iowa, will ex. perennial seeds for annual flower seeds or certain Vegetable seeds. Write first.

Mrs. W. B. Durst, Briceland, Cal., has purple Myrtle tree shrubs to ex. for hardy perennials. Write.

Mrs. Susan H. Ladd, Norwich, Vt., will ex. Napoleon III. Gladiolus bulbs for hardy perennial roots and shrubs. Label and send.

Mrs. A. Buckout, Greenwich, Conn., R. F. D. No. 26, has Geraniums to ex. for Begonias. Write.

Mrs. Mary B. Shepard, Northville, N. Y., Box 161, has Tubers of Apios Tuberosa, a pretty climber, to ex. for Dahlia or Gladiolus bulbs. Tuber for bulb.

Mrs. H. L. Sevey, Council, Idaho, has mixed wild flower and other seeds to ex. for early garden seeds. Send.

Mrs. W. A. Rushin, Pavo, Ga., has a great many house plants and yard flowers to ex. for Mrs. Parker Geraniums and Rex Begonias.

Mrs. Laura Ellis, Mantou, Calif., will ex. mailing size Catalpa, Cedar, Pine, Fir and Pepper trees for Gladioli, Glinoxinias, Caladiums and Tuberosea. Send.

Mrs. Davies, Cullowhee, N. C., has Cacti, Golden Glow and Yucca filamentosa to ex. for Holy Ghost Flower, choice plants and bulbs.

M. E. Clemons, Plainfield, Ind., has Golden Glow, bronze and white Chrysanthemum plants, Asters and Ricinus seeds to ex. for pink or white Canna seeds.

Mrs. R. S. Dunmore, Main St., Chestnut Hill, Phila., Pa., has Cinnamon Vine bulbs to ex. for Chrysanthemums large or small, and Dahlia clumps. Write.

Mrs. E. B. Trickey, 1563 S. Wash. Ave., Denver Col., has rooted Coleus, Geranium slips and Calla bulbs to ex. for rooted everblooming Roses, and Cacti. Write.

Mrs. J. F. Gordon, Olympia, Wash., Box 453, will ex. red-flowering Currant, native Ferns, seeds, etc., for yellow-flowering Currant plants or shrubs. Write.

M. A. Fuller, Fenton, Mich., R. R. No. 2, will ex. seeds of old-fashioned flowers for perennial Poppy, Gladiolus, Pinks, Sage or others.

Mrs. J. C. Wigert, Bushnell, Ill., will ex. red Snapdragon seeds for house plants, shrubs and bulbs. Write first.

Lucie T. Falconer, Shelburne, Ont., Can., has hardy and house plants to exchange for others. Write.

Elizabeth Weeks, Elm City, N. C., R. R. No. 1, will ex. Christmas Cactus and Star of Bethlehem for hardy White Lilies or Begonias.

N. E. Allen, Clinton, Mo., R. R. No. 2, has blooming-sized bulbs of Ornithogalum, roots of Golden Glow and white German Iris to ex. for Peonies & perennials.

Mrs. E. F. Egleston, Fletcher, Vt., would be grateful to receive from the South, Passion Vines, rooted Palms, Ferns, bulbs or seeds in exchange.

Miss E. E. Holmes, Texarkana, Tex., R. R. No. 5, has Chrysanthemums, Passion Vines, Iris, Honeysuckles, Lilac, Pink and white Crepe Myrtle. Send list.

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As I bring my work to my window,
And am sitting alone here to-day,
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Right here in a snug little corner,
By my side, the Hyacinths peep,
And the Rose and Heliotrope mingle
Their fragrance so balmy and sweet.

With my flowers in bloom all around me,
And my bird singing over my head,
I can hardly realize 'tis snowing,
And the flowers out-doors are dead;
Ah, no, not dead, but sleeping
In their snug little beds of repose!
With the balmy sweet breath of the springtime
Again into life they'll unclose.

Let me pause a moment in wonder,
While my thoughts wander away
To the valleys and hills and the wildwood,
Where the ferns and the Violets stray;
And I dearly love each tiny blossom,
No matter where they may grow—
In the window, the garden, or valley,
Or their heads peeping out of the snow.

Once more when the sweet breath of springtime
Comes stealing o'er valley and plain,
And the soft, gentle rain-drops are falling,
Our hearts will be joyous again.
When the Snowdrop, the Crocus and Violet,
Peep up and nod in the breeze,
And the buds swell out on the Lilacs,
And the leaves burst forth from the trees,

Then fond memory comes stealing upon me
Of my childhood days long gone by,
And I see in fond memory a garden,
Which is pleasing and dear to my eye;
And again the sweet face of my mother,
Who went to sleep long ago,
Seems as plain to me as those flowers
That once in her garden did grow.

Oh! sweet are those thoughts which they bring
me,
Of God's tender care for his own;
He sends the sweet blossoms to cheer us,
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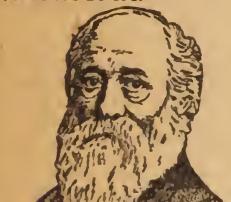
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